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Per telephone discussion with Examiner Truong on October 16, 2006, this Second Amendment After Final is presented pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed August 15, 2006 in connection with the Final Office Action mailed May 15, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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